



The King Is Uncrowned—Copious quantities of vaseline failed to free Philip Burrows, 20-months-old Hollywood, Calif., lad, from a junior toilet seat which he tried to wear as a crown but which slipped over his head (left) and wouldn't come off. Firemen quickly got to the seat of the trouble. They used a hacksaw to get the youngster out of his predicament, at Hollywood receiving hospital. (AP Wirephoto)

WOMEN HERE TO STAY

Why Be Embarrassed With Girl Babies? We Need 'Em

By ARTHUR EDSON

Washington, Dec. 9 (AP)—What's the matter with girls? Why is it that when girl babies are born, the average congratulatory congratulates as if he really didn't mean it? And why is it that the proud father sometimes acts as if he were embarrassed about it all?

There's no reason for this. I have wound up a little research project, and can faithfully report: Women are here to stay.

Right now there are 800,000 more females (a census bureau word, not mine) than males in the U.S.

Eight women are in the house of representatives, and a ninth will join them in January. Margaret Chase Smith (R., Me.) is a senator. And at least one other woman, Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Calif.), wants to be a senator too.

Mrs. Smith has said she thinks it would be nice for the Republicans to run a woman for vice-president. She was too shy to mention names, but I don't think she meant Mrs. Alben W. Barkley.

Women fill all sorts of lesser posts. They are truckers, glass-blowers, cops, printers, mail carriers, tanners, steamfitters, embalmers and Western Union (you'll excuse the expression) boys.

Look where we'd be if there were no women.

Without the little dears, we would have no Mother's Day, no beauty pageants at Atlantic City, no grass skirts, no bobby sox, no mothers-in-law.

True, the picture has another side, a brighter side.

If there were no women, Al Jolson couldn't sing, "Mammy!" Advertising men would have to think of some way to peddle their beer and cigarettes besides running pictures of cuties, and calendar makers would have to give up on that Indian lady in the canoe.

Still, the women are definitely with us, and I, for one, am glad.

Yet—

When Margery Ann checked in 12 years ago, I was conscious of some condescending remarks. Especially from those who had spawned boys.

When Evelyn arrived nine years ago, so did the jibes.

When Judith appeared four years ago, the jibes turned to hoots.

And then, over the week-end the doctor broke the news this way:

"Well, it's another girl."

(Short pause). "Heh, Heh!"

Let him laugh. Susan was welcome. We haven't had much of a chance to get to know her, but she looks as if she'll be a wonderful girl.

Parcel Post Depot To Open Monday

A depot for the handling of incoming parcel post matter will be opened Monday in the building formerly known as the Starr Fruit Products company at Mill and South Church streets. Postmaster Albert C. Gragg has announced.

The depot will be operated throughout the holiday season as has been the custom in recent years. Its use will ease the congestion at the post office where space is not sufficient to handle the Christmas mail.

As an accommodation to the public, parcel post and stamp windows at the post office will remain open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. both Saturdays before Christmas.

son, Mrs. George Beane, Mrs. Kenneth Zwicker, Mrs. Leon Frahm, Mrs. Louis Kurth, Mrs. John Ramage and Judy and Mrs. Lyle Zobel.

Keizer Boy Scout Troop To Hold Court of Honor

Keizer, Dec. 9 — The Keizer Boy Scout troop 41 will hold a court of honor at the school auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock. After the awards are presented, movies taken while the troop was at Pendleton last summer will be shown.

At the close of the evening the Scout Mothers club will hold a bazaar and Chinese auction. They will also sell pie, cake, coffee and home-made candy.

The Boy Scouts are planning to sell Christmas trees again this year. Two stands will be in operation, one at Keizer Corner and one in the vicinity of Oreutt's grocery. They anticipate they will set up the stands and start selling trees next Sunday.

Keizer Ladies Sewing Club met at the H. M. Broadbent home for an all-day meeting with Mrs. Sam Richards co-hostess with Mrs. Broadbent.

After the usual covered dish dinner at noon the ladies quilted on a comfort. Present were Mrs. Nick LeRud, Mrs. Lucy Minturn, Mrs. Arma Bunnell, Mrs. Wil-

Mrs. Marggi Chosen Queen Contestant

Salem Heights—Mrs. John Ramage was hostess at a dessert luncheon to the executive committee of the Salem Heights Mothers' club at her home on Croisan Creek road.

Plans were made for the Mothers' club meeting which will be held at the Salem Heights community hall Tuesday. They discussed plans for the program for the community club for February of which the Mothers' club has charge. They decided to pay part of the amount needed for the school children's Christmas treat. The board voted to enter the "Queen of America" contest and Mrs. Herbert Marggi was voted as the candidate.

Guests present were Mrs. Rollie Baker, Mrs. Hergert Marggi, Mrs. Floyd McClellan, Mrs. Roy McElroy, Mrs. Ted Rose, Mrs. E. L. Whitacre, Mrs. Carl Ander-

Rise in Unemployed Whose Jobless Benefits Used Up

Washington, Dec. 9 (AP)—A rapid rise in the number of unemployed workers exhausting jobless benefit rights is causing growing concern among government officials.

Latest figures compiled by the labor department's bureau of employment security show about 500,000 persons ran out of their rights to further unemployment payments during the July-September quarterly period.

These are workers who still didn't have jobs after running through all the unemployment insurance they were entitled to. The number of weeks of benefits varies from state to state.

These exhaustions came at a time of high employment, and give an idea of the problem that would arise in a time of serious unemployment.

Employment has been gaining lately, and unemployment has been decreasing, so some of the people out of work in the July-September period may now have found jobs. However, unemployment in November was estimated by the census bureau to be 3,409,000 as compared with 1,831,000 in November 1948. The November 1949 employment figure was 59,518,000.

The exhaustion figures have risen rapidly this year. In 1948 they ran between 200,000 and 250,000 each quarter for the nation. This year they jumped to 369,000 for the January-March quarter, 423,000 for April-June, and now to 500,000 for the most recent quarter.

That 500,000 figure is more than double the 216,000 exhaustions of the July-September quarter of a year ago.

The big question is this: what happens to workers once they run through all their jobless insurance benefits? The bureau of employment security has asked state employment offices to try to find out.

One thing is very certain, however: To the extent these workers were receiving unemployment aid, purchasing power is cut when their payments come to an end.

Officials believe a great many such workers go on direct relief. A substantial number go to live with relatives or friends.

The real solution for such idle workers, of course, would be to find a job and go to work. But since state employment agencies were trying to find them jobs all the time they were receiving jobless benefits, their chances of finding jobs once the benefits cease are not too bright.

Welfare Funds Meet Approval

Dallas—Total of \$35,350 in assistance was approved for the January budget of the Polk county welfare commission at its December meeting, according to Mrs. Mabel Dalo, administrator.

The amount was divided as follows: Old age assistance (398 cases) \$20,000; aid to dependent children (72 cases) \$7500; blind assistance (five cases) \$350; general assistance (200 cases) \$7500.

Fifteen new old-age assistance cases were approved, three were denied and two were withdrawn. Of the aid to dependent children cases, 10 were approved which will cost a total of \$903 monthly.

The administrator reported to the commission that unemployed men were requesting assistance in increasing numbers. During November 66 new general assistance applications were taken. General assistance funds are not sufficient to meet the needs of unemployed "employables" on general assistance standards. Due to the heavy demand on this fund, it has been necessary to give food orders in \$5 and \$10 amounts.

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Lafayette Forum Program Presented

Lafayette, Dec. 9—A meeting of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce was held at the Lafayette City hall. The new officers elected were Clarence Terry, president; Bill McClure, vice president; Ed Cole, treasurer, and Byron Totten, secretary.

A program for the following year was laid out. It was decided that the first goal of the chamber would be to encourage new industries in Lafayette.

The second goal would be to encourage civic improvements, such as establishing a sewage system, improving the streets, establishing a building code, and improving the fire department.

Recent guests at the L. E. Gilkey home were Mrs. Nick LeRud and there will be an exchange of gifts among the club members.

Recent guests at the L. E. Gilkey home were Mrs. Nick LeRud, Mrs. and Mrs. Harold Gilkey, John, Tom, Lorene and Douglas of Longview, Wash., and their daughter, Miss Grace Gilkey of Sumner, Wash.

Bloodmobile Visit Training Started

Lebanon—Classes to train workers for the visit of the bloodmobile December 16, opened Wednesday at the federal housing project, with an attendance of 30.

First visit of the bloodmobile scheduled for December 16 at the VFW hall, will employ the services of those trained to aid the staff of doctors and nurses. A nursery will be set up for children of mothers wishing to donate, and motor corps will furnish transportation where needed.

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